

## UNIT PRESIDENTS TO MEET AT COLLEGE

### OHIO CHAPTER NAMES HEAD AT BANQUET

**ELECT A. H. KNAPKE PRESIDENT AT MEETING IN ST. HENRY'S HALL**

ST. HENRY, O.—Anthony H. Knapke, '98-'99, principal of the high school and organist at St. Augustine Church, Minster, O.,



was elected president of the Midwestern Ohio Alumni Chapter at a dinner meeting held in St. Henry's parish hall.

Father Koenn Other officers elected are: Vice-president, Albert L. Hemmert, '12-'13, Celina; secretary, Myron Huelsman, '32-'34, Fort Recovery; treasurer, Jacob Kramer, '10-'12, Coldwater; executive committeemen, the Rev. Theodore Koenn, C.P.P.S., '04-'10, Minster, and the Rev. Joseph Otte, C.P.P.S., '27-'32, St. Henry.

Invitations to hold the meeting at St. Henry were issued by the Rev. Pius Kanney, C.P.P.S., '93-'99, pastor, and Father Otte, assistant.

Printed booklets containing the Midwestern Ohio Unit's constitution were given away at the meeting. Printed lists containing the names and addresses of Alumni in the chapter's area were also given out. An asterisk before the alumnus' name indicates that he has enrolled in the unit.

### FORMER PREFECT DIES

The Rev. Liberat Schupp, prefect of discipline at St. Joseph's for the '01-'02 school year, died suddenly, January 29, at St. Charles Seminary.

### *For Laughs, the Play's the Thing, Says Father Ildephonse Rapp*

"The play's the thing," wrote Bill Shakespeare, of Avon. Father Ildephonse Rapp, of Collegeville, would put it this way: "For laughs, the play's the thing."

During his 28 years as dramatic director at St. Joseph's, Father Ildephonse got more than his share of chuckles. Here are a few experiences he and old timers frequently discuss when they reminisce over the days when the battlecry was, "The show must go on!"

### SENDS LETTER



Courtesy Indiana Catholic  
**MSGR. W. R. ARNOLD**

A letter of congratulations was sent to Brother Vic by the Very Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, '96-'02, after the Chief of Army Chaplains had read a story in last month's **CONTACT** which told how faithful the Collegeville mail carrier has been during his 40 years on the route.

"I have thought of you often during the years and have thanked God for the lessons of kindness, self-sacrifice and genuine humility which you taught all your 'boys,'" Monsignor Arnold wrote.

"May our Lord reward you with the peace of mind and joy of heart which you have brought to so many others."

"We were staging 'Alexander III,'" Father Rapp said. "A prisoner's life depended upon the timely arrival of a reprieve. The carrier of the important document stood trembling in the wings. His cur-came. He rushed onto the stage shouting, 'Reprieve, reprieve!'

His right hand was extended above his head. He stopped; glanced at his hand. There was no reprieve. He had dropped it in the wings. Disgusted with himself, he grumbled: 'Oh, hell!'"

A lost moustache, at one time, nearly ruined the opening scene of "Henry IV." The king was talking to his couriers. Back stage Father Rapp was busy restoring a moustache that had fallen from the lip of a careless actor. Suddenly there came an ominous silence. The director grabbed for the manuscript. Someone had carried it away. The king's voice was heard once more. He had found his cue! The audience merely thought it was a very impressive pause.

During a sword battle in Pizarro, an actor came rushing off stage with a badly slashed hand. "What shall I do," he asked. "Do?" said Father Rapp, "go back and fight." The hand was hastily bandaged and the actor went

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### FR. DIRKSEN WILL DISCUSS CELEBRATION

**CHAPTER LEADERS TO DECIDE ALUMNI'S PART IN JUBILEE**

All alumni chapter presidents and the Very Rev. Joseph Marling, '18-'23, Ph. D., provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, will receive invitations in the near future from the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., '14-'20, college president, to come to St. Joseph's Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, to attend a special meeting.



Father Marling

According to present plans, a business meeting will follow a dinner Saturday night. Alumni leaders will then sleep on the problems discussed and will bring the issues to a head at a meeting the following morning.

Each president will be asked to bring an outstanding member of his chapter to the meeting.

Principal reason for the meeting is to discuss the part the Alumni will play in St. Joseph's Golden Jubilee celebration next year.

Leaders in the Alumni Association are: Oscar Sieben, '21-'25, national president; Norbert Schuck, '18-'22, Cincinnati; James Heckman, '28-'34, Louisville; J. Gordon Hagstrom, '19-'24, Cook County; John Wolf, '11-'15, Indianapolis; Otto J. Birkmeier, '06-'09, Delphos; A. H. Knapke, '98-'99, Midwestern Ohio; John S. Reifers, '98-'99, Lafayette; Ray Dirrig, '21-'25, Akron; Jack Jones, '00-'03, Calumet; Rev. Sylvester Schmelzer, '23-'25, Tiffin; William J. Wiegand, '12-'15, Toledo.



# CONTACT

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## One Candle, Please!

With this issue, CONTACT is a year old.

This paragraph appeared on the front page of the first issue:

"The name CONTACT was chosen because the purpose of the publication is to bring fellow Alumni closer together and to strengthen the bond between them and the College. It is one of the first steps toward a greater Alumni Association."

The first step, usually the most difficult, seems to have been successful. These memory-laden pages have undoubtedly brought fellow Alumni closer together. The fine response made to the plea for subscriptions seems to indicate that the bond between the Alumni and the College has been strengthened.

May future steps toward a greater Alumni Association be as unfaltering.

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## Hosts to Profs and Players

The Hipskinds, Fred, Henry, Cletus and James, along with Lou Nagelsen, '03-'09, were hosts to St. Joe faculty members and basketball players at a "Dutch lunch" in the offices of the Hipkind Heating and Plumbing Company, after the game with Concordia College, January 20, in Fort Wayne.

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The Rev. Gregory Boeckman, '16-'22, stationed at St. Boniface Church, Rowena, Tex., wrote that he is "getting along nicely among the cow boys." Here is a quotation from his letter: "I was greatly surprised this morning when I awoke. Saw my first snow in ten years, and quite a bit of it. I imagine about five inches. Don't laugh; that is lots for us. I watched the children at noon trying to play in it. They hardly knew what to do with it."

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Latest news from the east is that August Hofer, who was a member of St. Joe's crack basketball squad in '24, is in charge of the New York office of Udyllite Corporation, located on the sixth floor of Carbine Building, 30 East 42nd Street. Paul Birkmeyer, '16-'19, is connected with Western Union, in New York. Both men have dandy families.

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An Alumnus who saw the name of Richard Moody, '20-'24, published in the list of lost graduates in *Stuff* suggested that "maybe he is still eating pies." Perhaps that's so, but we want to know where he is eating pies.

## Bro. Cletus Turns Shepherd

Ridin' herd on the lost sheep is part of the work being done by Brother Cletus, C.P.P.S. Since Christmas, CONTACT'S circulation manager has been sleuthing through the highways and byways with letters to find addresses of missing Alumni.

Sixty lost sheep have been returned to the fold since the roundup started, said Brother Cletus. Approximately 300 names remain in the lost file.

He hopes to account for most of the strays and have the Alumni Register ready for the presses by June.

"A list of lost Alumni will be sent to certain men in each chapter with the request that they help us with the check-up," Brother Cletus said.

Principal addition to the new directory, according to Brother Cletus, will be a listing of deceased Alumni.

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## Congratulations, Father Wirtz!

Congratulations are in order for the Rev. Gilbert Wirtz, '26-'32, on the fine way he handled the details of the State Catholic High School Basketball Tournament, February 23, 24, 25, in Fort Wayne. Father Wirtz, who returned to St. Joe last year to take additional courses in science, is athletic director of Central Catholic, the team that won the state championship. Four other grads, the Revs. Christian Staab, C.P.P.S., '11-'17; Herman Schnurr, '26-'32; Leonard Cross, '27-'31, and Lawrence Gollner, '26-'32, seem to be doing wonderful work at Central Catholic, Fort Wayne.

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## Thanks, for the Letter!

The Rev. Urban Reichlin, '27-'33, sent us a letter telling of the First Mass of the Rev. Martin Michael Vanecho, '25-'30. When the letter arrived, we had the story set in type as it appears in the "Here and There" column. However, Father Reichlin gave us details we did not know. For instance, the Rev. John Kostik, C.P.P.S., '09-'15, pastor of St. John's, Whiting, preached the sermon; and other Alumni present, besides Father Reichlin, were: The Revs. Andrew Pollak, '25-'29; Melchor Lochtenfeld, C.P.P.S., honorary alumnus, William Meyer, '25-'28; Joseph Herod, '26-'31. John Vanecho, '30-'31, seemed to be in charge of arrangements.

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Norb Dreiling, graduate of the class of '38, writes from Hoxie, Kansas.

"Through letters and through the college paper, *Stuff*, I heard the great news that Dick Scharf has been chosen to be assistant coach at St. Joe.

"Believe me when I say that I was more than glad to hear that. I felt that since a man was needed in that capacity Dick would be a very good choice. Accept my congratulations in picking him.

"All during football season and now during the present basketball season I have been greatly impressed by the showing the St. Joe men make in their encounters with other colleges. I have been with you in every contest this year as well as in the past."

## TURN BACK THE CLOCK

UNIDENTIFIED was printed beneath this young man's picture in last month's CONTACT. It was on a photo, taken in 1892, of the first C. L. S. officers. The other men in the picture were identified.



F. H. Dirksen, '91-'93, who appeared with the group, identified the unknown man in a letter to his son, the Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president at St. Joseph's. Here are a few of the details Mr. Dirksen sent: It is the picture of Henry F. Drosch, '92-'93, who taught school for 13 years in Mercer County, O., after leaving St. Joe. He was appointed rural mail carrier, in 1906, at Chicasaw, O. He was killed as a mail driver, May 6, 1916, while crossing the now abandoned C. H. & D. tracks between Maria Stein and Chicasaw stations.

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LEAF THROUGH THE YELLOWED PAGES of an 1899-00 Collegian, and you'll find the following paragraphs:

"I would play football too," said W. Horde-man, "if I had a duplicate of myself."

Muhler's new law of natural philosophy is now universally adopted: "The fear of being disturbed in a comfortable smoke decreases, as the square of the distance from the prefect increases."

The following impressive notice was exhibited in St. Xavier study hall: The student that had gall enough to take a book out of my desk should not be afraid to have the audacity to return it as soon as possible.—Cob.

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THIRTEEN VICTORIES and three losses was the season record for St. Joe's 1923-24 basketball team. The Cardinal and Purple basketballers—they weren't known as Pumas then—rolled up 542 points to their opponents' 319.

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HEADLINES in 1922-23 College Cheers may prove interesting to the men who became Alumni two decades ago. Here are a few of them:

American College Falls Before St. Joe Eleven. Flynn and Pischke Play Stellar Roles. St. Joe Battles Loyola U. to Scoreless Tie. Red and Purple Spring Great Surprise.

St. Joe Installs Radio Outfit. Concerts to be Regular Feature.

St. Joe Bests Loyola U. Red and Purple Completely Outclass Loyola Quintet.

Dutch Hemmelgarn Chief Magistrate in Raleigh Circles. Greatest Landslide in History of the Club Sees Stanley Polk Elected Treasurer.



# THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

This basketball season is having a rather happy death at St. Joe. Here are some of the pleasant memories the players will have after the last basket has been made:

## PUMAS PROUD OF RECORD

The college team has won 15 out of 21 games. It will probably end up in third place in the 23-team Indiana Conference. Highest scorer the state of Indiana has ever had is the title held by



Neal Mosser

Neal Mosser, Puma center. He now has 273 points for the season, eight points more than the previous all-time record. The former captain of St. Benedict's high school, Cambridge, O., has one more game in which to boost his standing. After St. Joe plays Valparaiso University, March 4, Mosser will have a record that will probably stand untouched for years. Another thing that the fellows can be proud of is the fact that they got to the finals in the Midwest Intercollegiate Tournament, and then lost out by merely one point in the last 50 seconds.

## ACADEMY GETS TO FINALS

The academy team won all but eight of its 21 games. The fellows fought their way to the finals of the State Catholic High School Tournament by downing St. Mary's, of Anderson, Huntington Catholic, and South Bend Catholic. They lost to Central Catholic, of Fort Wayne, in the finals.

The academy will probably receive an invitation to play in the National Catholic Tournament to be held the last week-end of March, in Chicago.

At the state tourney, the fellows won a trophy for taking second place. Captain Jim Meagher received the Al Feeney award for showing the best mental attitude and good sportsmanship. Each player received a gold basketball watch charm.

# HELP MAKE SOCIETY FAMILY AFFAIR



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REV. FREDERICK KOCH



Courtesy Dayton News

REV. JOSEPH HOYING

These are the youngest of the forty-three priests in the Society of the Precious Blood whose brothers are also priests in the Community. Father Frederick Koch, '32-'33, instructor at Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, O., is the brother of the Rev. Robert Koch, '24-'28, drama director at St. Joseph's. The Rev. Joseph Hoying, '31-'33, assistant at St. Boniface, Cincinnati, is the brother of the Rev. Leo Hoying, assistant at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cleveland.

## Forty-Three C. PP. S. Priests Have Brothers In Community

Forty-three priests in the Society of the Precious Blood are in a position to say, "I have a brother who is a priest in this community."

There are three representatives from the Landoll, Lutkemeier, and Pax families. There will be three Wuests, after Robert, '31-'34, is ordained, April 21, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, O. There is one set of twins, the Guillozets.

Here is the complete list:

The Revs. Francis Beuke, '06-'12; Henry Beuke, '08-'14; Aloys Brunswick, '10-'14; Andrew Brunswick, '11-'17; Bernard Condon, '02-'08; Charles Condon, '05-'11; Aloys Dirksen, '14-'20; Cletus Dirksen, '25-'26; Boniface Dreiling, '25-'31; Marcellus Dreiling, '25-'30; Gilbert Esser, '12-'18; Rufus Esser, '14-'19; Cletus Foltz, '25-'27; Marcellus Foltz, '24-'28.

Roy Grotenrath, Thomas Grotenrath, '25-'28; Edmund Guillozet, '25-'29; Raymond Guillozet, '25-'30; Charles Herber, '19-'23; Max Herber, '25-'26; Leo Hoying, Joseph Hoying, '31-'33; Albert Kaiser, '08-'14; Edwin Kaiser, '09-'15; Robert Koch, '24-'28; Fred Koch, '32-'33; Anthony Kraff, '27-'31; Martin Kraff; Francis Krull, '08-'14; Vigilius Krull, '93-'98.

Leo Landoll, '07-'13; Rupert Landoll, '07-'13; Urban Landoll, '17-'21;

Camillus Lutkemeier, '13-'19; Gerard Lutkemeier, Joseph Lutkemeier, '11-'17; Anthony Pax, '07-'14; Victor Pax, '25-'30; Walter Pax, '18-'23; Frederick Stock, '26-'31; Robert Stock, '18-'24; Albert Wuest, '25-'26; Carl Wuest, '26-'31.

## FOR LAUGHS, THE PLAY'S THE THING—FR. RAPP

(Continued from Page One) back into the fray to help his side come out victorious.

Measles sent an actor to the infirmary shortly before "Believe Me Xantippe" was to be staged. It was then Father Ildephonse proved himself to be a great troupier as well as a great director. He took the role of the Western jailer. And the play went over big.

## WORKS FOR STATE

Virg Van Oss, '25-'30, father of a six-months old boy, does secretarial work for the state in Columbus, O.

# HERE and THERE

DEATH came to two Alumni several years ago and we did not hear about it until recently. Joseph Heidgerken, who was graduated from the high school here in June, 1934, died of tuberculosis July 6, 1935. George Eder, '93-'95, Joseph Heidgerken Hammond attorney, died in 1930, according to information sent by Justin Seroczynski, '33-'35, of Hammond.



WEDDING BELLS rang for Miss Mary Elizabeth Reed, of Fort Wayne, and Martin Greven, '30-'31, on February 6. Blushing Groom Greven is the head of Advertising Services, in Fort Wayne. In this paragraph we also make announcement of the wedding of Miss Dorothy Burns, of Toledo, to Don Besanceney, '27-'32, on October 7. Alumnus Besanceney is employed at the Philgas Company, Toledo.

FIRST MASS of the Rev. Martin Michael Vanecko, O. S. B., '25-'30, was celebrated Sunday, February 25, in St. Wendelin's Church, Cleveland.

NEWLY MARRIED Dr. G. I. Uhrich, '24-'26, is stationed at



Veterans' Hospital, Buckroe Beach, Va. His wife is the former Isabelle Driscoll, of Cincinnati. Dr. Uhrich was connected with Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, before going to Virginia.

RIDIN' THE RAILS on the New York Central between Bellefontaine, O., and Terre Haute, Ind., is all in a day's work for Ralph J. Curl, '18-'21, of Paris, Ill. He is a railway postal clerk.

TWO RESTAURANTS in Detroit are owned by Frank Collins, '32-'33. He recently married Miss Mary Tuman, of Chicago.



## Two Graduates Join Refugees

SION, SWITZERLAND.—Among refugees here are William Conces, '29-'34, and Donald Klaus, '31-'35, who studied in Louvain, Belgium, until the outbreak of the war.

They have joined four other Alumni, Lawrence Mossing, Wm. McKune and Joe Allgeier, all graduates of '34, and James Scott, of '35, who are studying at the American College. The college was established temporarily in an abandoned hospital here, after the Joseph Allgeier Canisianum in William Conces Innsbruck, Austria, had been taken over by the Nazis.



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Canisianum in William Conces  
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taken over by the Nazis.

All members of the class of '34 in Europe have received the diaconate and will be ordained in spring.

Alumnus Allgeier returned to Innsbruck for a visit last summer. He received a "going-over" when he came back across the border. He was suspected of smuggling and his name was put on the black list. He does not know exactly what that means, but he has no intentions of going back to ask the Nazis to explain in detail.

## Bad Luck, Good Luck, Bad Luck!

CINCINNATI.—Bad luck visited the Rev. Ambrose Newton, C.P.P.S., twice and good luck visited him once, all within thirty seconds.

Act I—Bad luck rears its ugly head.

Father Newton, '25-'26, was driving Father Joseph Hoying, '31-'33' up and down the hilly streets of Cincinnati when it all happened. They were going from St. Mark's, where Father Newton is stationed, to St. Father Newton Boniface, where Father Hoying is stationed. The pavement was icy, plenty icy. The car skidded; turned over, and then slid along the street.



Act II—Good fortune smiles.

Both priests climbed from the overturned car. They took a hurried inventory and found that neither were injured.

Act III—Bad luck stages a comeback.

Father Newton began moseying around to see what damage had been done to the car. Then it happened. He stepped into a man-hole which the skidding car had uncovered. Several severed blood vessels sent him to the hospital.

## BOOK MAKES HIT



Courtesy Toledo Catholic Chronicle

REV. V. H. KRULL

The fifteenth edition of "Christian Denominations," a book written by the Rev. V. H. Krull, C.P.P.S., '93-'98, recently rolled from the presses of the M. A. Donahue Company, Chicago. The three thousand copies of the latest edition will sell for eighty cents each.

Father Krull, now pastor of SS. Peter and Paul parish, Ottawa, O., was a member of the Precious Blood Fathers mission band when the book was published in 1911 with the imprimatur of the late Bishop Allerding, of Fort Wayne. The edition in 1925 carried the imprimatur of Bishop Schrembs and the later editions that of Bishop Alter.

## Chicagoans Hear Three Speakers

CHICAGO.—A judge, a newspaperman, and a business executive were guest speakers at the Cook County Chapter meeting held January 30, at Sieben's, 1466 North Larrabee Street.

Talks packed with real information, flavored with humor, were given by Judge Edward B. Casey, of the Municipal Court of Chicago; Jim Costin, of the Chicago Tribune, and Sidney J. Block, president of the Midwestern Automotive Association.

Twenty-four persons responded to invitations mailed-out by B. B. Lear, '13-'19, chapter secretary. The invitations, printed on the unit's new flashy stationery, began as follows:

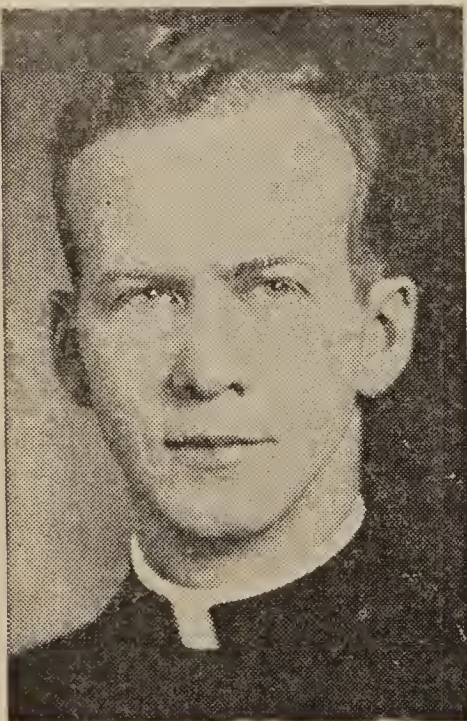
Confucius say: All St. Joe alumni have big time next Tuesday night at Siebens. Help roll out barrel. Meet old friends from long ago. Smart boy be there—betcha life!

## Appointed Chaplain

CHILLICOTHE, O.—The Rev. John P. Byrne, '19-'25, has recently been appointed chaplain at the Federal Reformatory here.

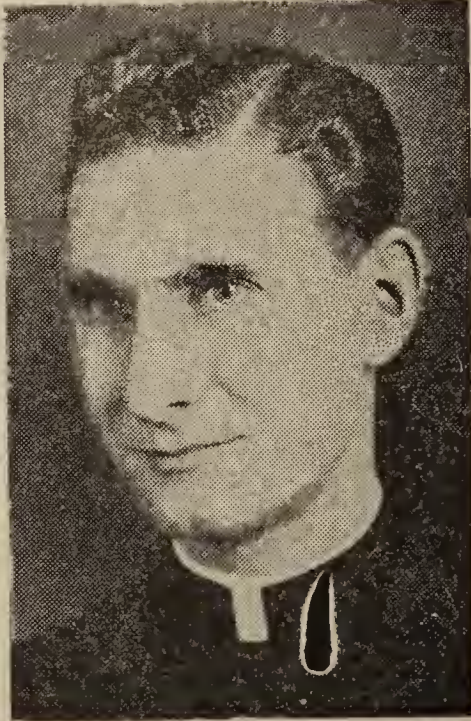
Before coming here, Father Byrne was instructor at Roger Bacon high school and assistant pastor at St. Aloysius Church, Elmwood Place, Cincinnati.

## THESE RECENTLY ORDAINED GRADS KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALMA MATER



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REV. LEO FRYE



Courtesy Our Sunday Visitor

REV. WILLIAM VOORS



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REV. THOMAS HEILMAN

Here are four recently ordained Alumni who take a great interest in their Alma Mater. Father James Dwyer, '30-'33, assistant in Toledo, was at the Toledo Chapter organization meeting. The Rev. Leo Frye, '27-'33, assistant

tion meeting. The Rev. William Voors, '28-'33, assistant at St. Luke's, Gary, is seen around the campus every now and then. The Rev. Thomas Heilman, '29-'33, assistant at St. Andrew's, Fort Wayne, came to the Indiana Catholic High School Basketball Tournament to see St. Joseph's Academy go to the finals.